

Wednesday, 10 August 2011

Good morning, everyone! Eriko-no-show e yokoso! Ohayo gozaimasu. (Good morning) O-genki desu ka (Are you fine? How are you?) Hai, genki desu (Yes, I'm fine.) Good job, you did that very well.

As an artist myself, I'd like to announce Art Sasebo "2nd" Art Market 2011 to every artist in Sasebo.

The Art Sasebo "2nd Art Market 2011"

Saturday, 15 and Sunday, 16 October

Shimanose Park next to Starbucks Café

If you are a parent and your daughter is seeing an artist, what kind of common feeling do you have? You may say "Drop him. He's not going to make any money." Yes, some of the artists do not make ends meet. The art materials are expensive and artists need to eat. So, even if they are talented their work must impress people enough to make a living. If not they will remain poor. What if, they have a chance to exhibit their artworks to people and people like their artworks? Yes, this event will give them a chance to display their skill. Some artists got together and did the market last year and it turned out pretty well. Now they found the way to perform live acts prior to the Art Market. You can become famous in Sasebo. You pay ¥1,500 to the market committee and turn in your artwork **NLT Saturday, 20 August**. It may be a too short notice for artists who do not have artworks done yet. However, artists who have finished artworks like Blanche, just bring them to the committee. This is your chance. Contact the committee office at 0956-22-9885 for more information. Unfortunately, I'm not ready for it this year. But I'm going to take a chance next year. Hope they have this event next year.

Spot Lights on Events You Don't Want to Miss!

Fukuishi Kan-non 4,600 Days Festival

Wednesday, 10 August

Fukuishi Kan-non Temple in Inari-cho on Route 35

If you visit the temple during the festival and say your prayer it is worth 46,000 days of prayer. Wow, what a bargain. Let's visit the temple and be happy. There are many food stands and events scheduled. To support the **Tsunami survivors**, they collect donations. They are looking for volunteer staff, too. Contact the temple at 0956-56-8878 for more information.

Kids' Yukata (Cotton Kimono) Beauty Contest

Wednesday, 10 August

2000

AEON Daito Shopping Center (former Daito Jusco) Obon Festival

Friday, 12 to Monday, 15 August

1000-2200

AEON Daito Shopping Center

Obon Raffle Drawing

Friday, 12 to Sunday, 14 August

1000-1800

1st floor

When you shop at the store during the festival, do not throw away the receipts. Show your receipts of purchase of Y5,000 (could be Y5,000 in total), you can draw a raffle. You can win a Y5,000 AEON gift certificate as the first place prize. If you don't win the first place, you can get Kung Fu Panda character goods. Personally, I want to have the Kung Fu Panda character goods.

Chin-don-ya (Musical Advertisers) Performance

Sunday, 14 August 1100, 1500

Monday, 15 August 1100, 1300, 1500, 1630

Once upon a time in Japan, there were no media such as TV or radio to advertize or promote the events. The promoters hired a group of musicians so-called "Chin-don-ya," musical advertisers. Their cheerful music and performances attract people very well. You can see them there this weekend. It seems they show up anywhere in the supermarket. If you come across them while shopping, you are lucky.

Kami-shibai (Picture Story Telling)

Sunday, 14 August 1300, 1500

Picture Story Telling is a story telling showing pictures at the same time. It's fun to listen to the stories.

Clown Show

Sunday, 14 August 1130, 1430, 1630

Balloon Art Show

Monday, 15 August 1100, 1300, 1500, 1700

The 5th Music Revolution in Arkas Sasebo

Part 1: Under 18 year old "Teens' Music Special"

Part 2: Under 23 years old "Under 23's power"

Sunday, 14 August 1300

Admission: Y1,000 (adult), Y500 (student)

Arkas Sasebo is looking for young musicians who would like to perform in the contest. The cut out day for applying the contest is over. But you can cheer the local young singers. If they win the Grand Prize (First Place), they will compete in the Kyushu Final Contest scheduled on Sunday, 2 October. If they win second place they can attend "Recommendation Contest" scheduled on Tuesday, 6 September. If they impress the judges they may select the singers to perform in the Final Contest in October. Please contact Arkas Sasebo at 0956-42-1111 for more information.

Let's go and see their energetic performances.

FFSC Summer Origami Class

Monday, 15 August 1000-1100

CEC Main Base Library Classroom

We are making butterflies and flowers. How much is the tuition? It's free, nothing. This is going to be the last class during the summer vacation. Please don't miss it. Please contact Main Base Library to sign up at 252-3593.

Shoro-nagashi Float Parade

Monday, 15 August

Central part of Nagasaki city

A lot of Shoro (Soul) boats are pulled around in Nagasaki city for the Obon Festival (All Souls Day). It is believed that recently deceased people's souls leave for another world during Obon (August 13th to 15th). The survived family members and friends build boats and parade on the street to see off deceased loved ones. This event is deeply influenced by Chinese Culture that you can't see other places in Japan. Sasebo is a part of Nagasaki prefecture, so you can see the event in Sasebo, too. The following information is for people who don't have time to take a trip to Nagasaki.

FFSC Obon Festival Walking Tour!!!

Monday, 15 August

1800-2100

Meeting at FFSC Parking Lot

Fee: Free

Guide: Yours truly, Eriko

This free guided walking tour provides you a hands-on explanation of the events and a wonderful CODAC moment of your memories from Japan. We stop by Albuquerque Bridge to watch Lantern Floating and visit Nakiri Park to watch the Float Parade. If you know where the Albuquerque Bridge, you can join us from the bridge at 1815. Please bring a bottle of water and a camera. For more information, please contact Eriko at FFSC at 252-3102.

Shimabara Shoro-nagashi Float Parade

Monday, 15 August

Shimabara city

Of course, the event itself is the same as Nagasaki and Sasebo. However, the history of the festival is much longer than Sasebo city. It has 300 years of history. And their lanterns are called "Kiriko Toro" and very unique different from Nagasaki. What do they look like? Please visit Shimabara to make it out. Please contact Shimabara Shoro-nagashi Committee at 0957-62-8019 for more information.

Sasebo Seaside Festival is over. Hope you had a nice time. However, most of the festivals in the vicinity of Sasebo are held this weekend.

Shikamachi Kanko (Sightseeing) Summer Festival

Saturday, 13 August

1800

Shikamachi-cho Administrative Office and the area in Shikamachi-cho

The local musician, "Oto-hitotsu" live show and 1000 fireworks are displayed at 2130. Please contact the festival committee at 0956-77-4111 for more information.

Kosaza Summer Festival

Sunday, 14 August

1800

Kosaza Chuo (Central) Undo Hiroba (Sports Ground) in Kosaza-cho

Kosaza Middle School Brass Band and Seitan (West-end) Daiko (Drums) Team perform to entertain the visitors. Concealed Japanese ice cream (wafers ice cream, popsicles, or any kinds) will be thrown to distribute to people at 1800. 800 fireworks are displayed at 2020. Please contact Kosaza Tourism Office at 0956-69-2562 for more information.

Kawatana Summer Festival

Sunday, 14 August

1800

Kawatana New Fishing Port in Kawatana-cho on Route 205

Kawatana Ranger Kujaku-man (Peacock Man) Show, Yosakoi Dance are scheduled.

Personally, I want to watch the Kujaku-man show. I'm wondering what kind of rangers they are. The market is open to support Tsunami survivors. 1,500 fireworks are displayed at 2030. Please contact the festival committee at 0956-82-2068 for more information.

Uku Norio (Evening) Fireworks Festival

Sunday, 14 August

1800

Saishu Park in Uku Island

Children Taiko Drum Team performance and Karaoke Contest are scheduled. 500 fireworks will be displayed at 2030. Please contact Uku Island Tourism Association at 0959-57-2455 for more information.

Sechibaru Kogen (Highland) Summer Fireworks Festival

Tuesday, 16 August

1800

Yamaguchi Shrine in Sechibaru-cho

Kid's games, local musicians "Issho-gogo" and "Sandy Trip" live shows and more are scheduled. 100 fireworks are displayed at 2045 at Sechibaru Sports Ground. Please contact Sechibaru Chamber of Commerce and Industry office at 0956-76-2130 for more information.

2011 The 32nd Seihi-cho Summer Festival

Tuesday, 16 August

1800

Seihi-cho Tamokuteki Undo Koen (Multipurpose Sports Ground), Saikai city

Taiko team and brass band will perform on stage. 1000 fireworks are displayed at 2000. Please contact the festival committee at 0959-27-0180 for more information.

Higashisonogi-cho Norio (Evening) Fireworks Festival

Tuesday, 16 August

1800

Higashisonogi-cho Newport in Higashisonogi-cho on Route 205

Stage events are held on stage and a lot of food stands welcome you. 2,000 fireworks are displayed at 2030. Please contact Higashisonogi Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 0957-46-1700 for more information.

Tabira Summer Festival and Seaside Fireworks Display

Wednesday, 17 August

1800

Tabira Port in Tabira-cho on Route 204

The local Taiko Drum Team entertains the visitors. 2,000 fireworks will lit up the Hirado Bridge beautifully at 2030. Some are displayed over the ocean. Please contact Tabira Summer Festival Committee at 0950-57-0223 for more information.

Emukae Sentoro (One Thousand Lantern Pyramid) Festival

Tuesday, 23 and Wednesday, 24 August 1300

Emukae-cho Administrative Office and the area on Route 204

The Mizukake (Water Splashing) Jizo (Children's Buddha) parade is held during the day and the famous "Sentoro" (one thousand lantern pyramid) are lit up at night! In addition to it, Yukata (Cotton Kimono) beauty contest and stage shows are held as well. 1,000 fireworks are displayed at 2100 each night. 2,000 fireworks in total. Please contact the festival committee at 080-3341-1865 for more information.

Hasami Summer Festival

Sunday, 28 August 1800

Hasami Hot Spring Spa "Yuchiro" in Hasami-cho on Route 1

Local bands and Yosakoi Dance team are performing to entertain visitors. Drinking beer at the beer garden in the light of "Compura Toro" lanterns would make the night very special. 1,000 fireworks are displayed at 2030. What is Compura Toro? Please contact Hasami-cho Tourism Office at 0956-85-2290 to get the answer.

Events:

Saikai-no-Megumi (Bliss of Western Ocean) Market

Note: The market is closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. It opens from 0800 to 1200 from Tuesday through Sunday.

A cleaning demonstration of a 100lb blue fin tuna is scheduled every Saturday and Sunday at 0900. I learned last week that the Japanese restaurant at the entrance of the market is closed. I'm afraid Seafood Donburi (Rice Bowl) dishes are not available any more. Too bad! For more information, please call the market at 0956-48-6111.

Note: The market is closed the following days.

Mondays, 22, 29 August + Obon (Sunday, 14 to Tuesday, 16 August)

Raffle Drawing

Saturday, 13 August 0800-1200

Saturday, 27 August 0800-1200

Big Tuna Cleaning Demonstration

Saturday, 13 August 0900

Saturday, 20 August 0900

Saturday, 27 August 0900

Mock Bidding

Saturday, 13 August 1000 (due to Obon, it's held on Saturday)

Sunday, 21 August 1000

Sunday, 28 August 1000

All-you-can-pack Sale

Saturday, 20 August

1000

What are you packing? You'll figure it out when you get there.

Parent and Child Fish Cleaning Class

Tuesday, 23 August

To be announced

Tuesday, 30 August

To be announced

Tuition is free. This class is for parents and children to learn how to clean fish by themselves. The max number of students is 8 pairs for each class. Please call the market at 0956-48-6111 to sign up.

In addition to live fish, processed fish such as fish jerky, fish cakes, flowers, manju dumplings and much more are on sale at the market. Also, frozen fish are on sale. They are currently looking for new vendors. If you are interested please contact with the market at 0956-48-6111.

Now you can get special rates when you take the Sasebo city bus. The fare is Y390 (Adult one-way). Children 4-12 are half fare (Y200). You can catch the bus from Sasebo Train Station (STS) or Motomachi Bus Stop (MBS) in front of the local General Hospital).

STS	MBS	Fish Market
0811	0819	0848
1022	1030	1100
Fish Market	MBS	STS
1004	0930	0940
1115	1141	1151

For more information, please contact the market at 0956-48-6111.

Artwork Design for Global Warming Prevention Campaign

Sasebo City Hall Environmental Protection Department is looking for a good promotional artwork design to be painted on electric cars of municipal authorities in Sasebo. If you are older than elementary school student, you are eligible to turn in your artwork. The dead line is **Wednesday, 31 August**. Please contact the office at 0956-26-1787 or visit the website: <http://www.city.sasebo.nagasaki.jp/>

Beach Information

Summer has come! Beaches will be open this weekend. It is beach time for everyone! Let's go out to the beach to cool off! Surfs up!

Shirahama Beach

Shimofunakoshi-cho, Sasebo

Until Friday, 12 August

0900-1700

Friday, 13 and Sunday, 14 August

0900-1800

Monday, 15 to Friday, 19 August

0900-1700

Saturday, 20 August

0900-1800

Admission: Y400 (middle school student and up), Y250 (3 years old to elementary school student)

The admission includes the fee to use the shower rooms. Taking a rest at the rest house (what Japanese people call “Umi-no-ie; Ocean House) costs Y500 (3 feet X 6 feet size). Please call Shirahama Beach office at 0956-28-5771 for more information.

Kashimae Beach

Until Saturday, 20 August

Admission: Free, free to use shower room

You can park at the Pearl Sea Center. Parking your car for one hour is free of charge.

Please call Pearl Sea Center at 0956-28-4187 for more information.

Ohama Beach

Taira, Uku-cho, Uku Island

Until Saturday, 20 August

0900-1700

Admission: Free, Y100 for shower room

Please call Uku Island Administrative Office at 0956-57-3113 for more information.

Neshiko Beach

Oishiwaki-cho, Hirado Island

Admission: Free, Y100 for shower room

Neshiko beach is the most beautiful and popular beaches in Hirado Island. Parking fee is Y500. Please contact Hirado city tourism office at 0950-22-4111 for more information.

Shikamachi Ocean Sports Base

Shimo-Utagaura, Shikamachi-cho

Until Wednesday, 31 August

0900-1700

Please call the office at 0956-73-2050.

Local Swimming Pool Information

Consolidated Ground Outdoor Swimming Pool

Until Sunday, 4 September

0900

Sogo (consolidated) Ground Swimming Pool in Ainoura-cho

Admission: Y400 (high school student and above), Y160 (elementary and middle school student), Y100 (preschooler), Water slider (Y100)

The swimming pool season has come! Middle school students and younger, please take this chance. Please ask your parents to take you there. Please call 0956-47-3125 for more information.

Fireworks Festival

When it comes to summer in Japan, what do you remember? It's hot and humid. It's so hot at night that I can't sleep well. Yes, that's why we have fireworks displays in summer. To overcome the heat and humidity Japan holds festivals throughout the summer. Summer festivals in Japan started with a good wish jester for the fall harvest and to have a break from all their hard working during the long hot summer.

Ureshino Hot Spring Summer Festival

Thursday, 11 August

1030-2120

Miyuki Park Multi-purpose Circle in Ureshino-cho

2,500 fireworks are displayed. Contact Ureshino Junior Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 0954-43-1236 for more information.

Oshima Village Summer Fireworks Festival

Friday, 12 August

Oshima Island

It doesn't say how many fireworks are displayed but it starts at 2100. Please contact Hirado City Hall Oshima Island Branch at 0950-55-2511 for more information.

The 26th Oseto Summer Festival

Saturday, 13 August

2100-2140

Kashiura Multipurpose Park in Oseto-cho

2,000 fireworks are displayed. Contact Saikai city Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 0959-22-0597 for more information.

The 3rd World Fireworks Competition

Huis Ten Bosch in front of Hario Village

Saturday, 13 August Australian fireworks

Saturday, 20 August American fireworks

Saturday, 27 August German fireworks

Saturday, 24 September Final Competition

The fireworks (I just mentioned) above represent each region of the world. The preliminary competition is held in Huis Ten Bosch in July and August. When fireworks are displayed, the free zone isn't free. Please come watch the fireworks in Hario Village. It's free zone. If you would like to see them from special seats the cost is Y2,000. Please contact Huis Ten Bosch at 0570-064-110 for more information. I would like to see the fireworks competition and watch the final competitors battle out for the championship.

Tachiura Fish-port Fireworks Festival

Monday, 15 August

Tachiura Fish-port in Ikitsuki Island

The 61st Shisa Noryo (Evening) Fireworks Festival

Monday, 15 August

Matsuura city

2011 the 32nd Nishi Sonogi-cho Summer Festival

Tuesday, 16 August

2000-2030

Seihi-cho Multipurpose Park in Seihi-cho

1,500 fireworks are displayed. Please contact Seihi-cho Summer Festival Committee at 0959-27-0180 for more information.

Festivals

Tabira Summer Festival

Wednesday, 17 August

Tabira Port in Tabira-cho

A dance carnival and music shows are scheduled. 2,000 fireworks will be displayed.

Please contact Hirado City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Office at 0950-57-0223 for more information.

Okawachi-yama (Mt. Okawachi) Furin (Wind Chime) Festival

Until Wednesday, 31 August

Mt. Okawachi in Imari city on Route 204

Chinaware wind chimes sounds very cool and beautiful. They are very popular goods in summer. Please contact festival committee at 0955-23-7293 for more information.

Hirado Japanese Beef and Hirado Live Squid Festival

Until Monday, 31 October

Restaurants and Hotels in Hirado Island

The Hirado beef is known as its soft and sweet and tender meat. The Hirado squids are chewing and fishy! Please visit any of restaurants or hotels to taste them. Contact Hirado Tourism Association at 0950-23-8600 for your information.

The 38th Sechibaru Road Race

Sunday, 11 September

0800

Race categories: 10 km run for adults and high school student

3 km run for middle school students

1.5 km for students in 5th and 6th grade

Entrée fee: Y3,000 (adult), Y1,500 (high school, middle school student), Y1,000 (elementary school student)

Sechibaru District Lifetime Learning Committee at 0956-76-2516 for more information.

Flea Market

Dragon Market (Flea Market)

Tuesday, 23 and Wednesday, 24 August 1000-1500

Sen-toro (One thousand lanterns) Festival site

You can enjoy shopping along with the festival. Please contact Yamaguchi-san at 0956-66-8770 for more information.

Kawatana Kacchete (Let me join you) Yosakoi Festival

Sunday, 28 August

1000-1500

Kawatana-cho on Route 205

Please contact Mr. Yasunaga at 090-4572-1899 for more information. It will be held rain or shine.

Aeon Daito Shopping Center Flea Market

Tuesday, 13 September

1000-1500

Daito Jusco Parking Lot

This monthly flea market event is held on the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Mr. Yasunaga at 090-4572-1899 for more information. It will be held rain or shine.

99 Island Events

Saikai Pearl Sea Resort (a.k.a. Kashimae Pier) Aquarium

Admission: Y1,400 (10th grader and above), Y700 (4 years old to 9th grader)

Special Discount for Sasebonians (Sasebo habitants): Y990 (high school student and older), Y500 (4 years old to middle school student) Please show your Military ID card

Three dolphins will greet you at the new tank. There is a Jellyfish tank too. Parking over one hour is cost (Y100). Please visit the website: <http://www.parlsea.jp/>

Dolphin Show

Everyday

1020-1040, 1320-1340, 1520-1540

Hora, Hora (Look, Look) Horror Exhibition “Ghosts under the Sea”

Until Monday, 19 September (Japanese Holiday)

Hideous-looking and scary-named (ghost- or devil-) fish and creatures are exhibited to cool you off. I’m pretty sure you get chilled to look at them.

Pearl Queen Cruise

Until Wednesday, 31 August at 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600

Duration of the tour: 50 minutes

Fare: Y1,200 (middle school student and older), Y600 (elementary school student)

Kaio (Ocean King) Adventure Cruise

Until Wednesday, 31 August 1130, 1330, 1430, 1530

Fare: Y1,200 (middle school student and older), Y600 (elementary school student)

99 Island Day (September 19th) Free Cruise of Kaio (Ocean King) and Pearl Queen

Monday, 19 September (Japanese holiday) to Monday, 31 October

Pearl Queen: 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500

Kaio (Ocean King) 1130, 1330, 1430

To apply for the campaign, please get an Ofuku Hagaki (Correspondence postcards, a pair of post cards are attached each other) from Japanese post office. Fill one of the post cards with your name and your friend (or family or someone goes with you), address(es), ages, and phone number and mail them to “99 Island Customer Appreciation Cruise,” 1008 Kashimae-cho, Sasebo, 858-0922 NLT Wednesday, 24 August.

Visiting Uninhabited Island and Feeding Fish Experience

Until Wednesday, 31 August at 1030, 1145, 1300, 1415, 1530 (for 50 minutes)

Fare: Y2,000 (middle school student and older), Y1,000 (elementary school student)

Pearl Queen Moon Viewing Cruise

Monday, 12 September

1815-1930

Fare: Y4,000 (regular), Y3,500 (99 Island member), 50 adults only

It's said that the harvest moon is the most beautiful one to see. This is the cruise to appreciate the beautiful moon over boxed dinner and dumplings. The fare contains a boxed dinner, moon viewing dumplings, and soft drinks. Please call the office at 0956-28-1999 to sign up NLT Friday, 9 September.

99 Island Day Special Event "99 Island Big Japanese Backgammon"

Monday, 19 September (Japanese Holiday)

1300-1500

Class

Amamoba (Shallows) Playroom in Umikirarra (Shining Ocean) Aquarium

If not mentioned, the tuition is free. The admission to the aquarium is still required, though.

Asa-kirara (Shining in the Morning) Sun-sun Set Program

Saturday, 13 August

0815-1000

Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 August

0815-1000

Saturday, 28 and Sunday, 29 August

0815-1000

Tuition: Y3,300 (high school student and older), Y2,800 (middle school student), Y1,900 (elementary school student), Y1,100 (4 to 6 years old)

The max number of students is 40 per program. Elementary school students and younger should be accompanied by a parent. The aquarium opens at 1000. This program allows you to visit dolphins and other fish getting up in the morning and enjoy an eco tour (relax cruise or sail boat ride). That sounds good, doesn't it? Please call the Peal Sea Center at 0956-28-4187 to sign up!

Yoru-kirara (Shining in the Evening) Night Tour

Saturday, 8 October, 1700 to Sunday, 9 October, 0900

Fee: Y2,500 (adult), Y1,500 (elementary and middle school student)

99 Island Club Member rate: Y1,500 (adult), Y500 (elementary and middle school student)

To apply for this tour, please get an Ofuku Hagaki (Correspondence postcards, a pair of post cards are attached each other) from Japanese post office. Fill one of the post cards with your name and your friend (or family or someone goes with you), address(es), ages, and phone number and mail them to "99 Island Customer Appreciation Cruise," 1008 Kashimae-cho, Sasebo, 858-0922 NLT Saturday, 10 September.

Story Telling

Saturday, 13 August

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Saturday, 20 August

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Saturday, 27 August

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Saturday, 3 September

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Saturday, 10 September

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Amamoba Workshop "Let's Make a Kaleidoscope"

Until Saturday, 14 August at 1000, 1100, 1300, 1400, 1500 (for 45 minutes)
Monday, 15 to Sunday, 28 August at 1000, 1100, 1300, 1400, 1500 (for 45 minutes)
Fee: Y500, Max number of each class is 9. 3rd grader and younger student should be accompanied by a parent. You don't have to sign up for the class. Please let the staff know you would like to take the class at the front desk of aquarium.

Stamp Rally

Until Wednesday, 31 August

Every time you spend Y500 in Pearl Sea Resort, Aquarium, Sightseeing Boats, you get a stamp in the flyer. Gather 4 stamps, and you can apply for a raffle drawing.

99 Island Visitor Center Programs

Programs held at the 99 Island Visitor Center require small amount of fee. Contact the center at 0956-28-7919 or visit website: <http://www.kujukushima-visitorcenter.jp/>

To sign up for the following two projects, please fax your information (name, address, age, boy or girl and telephone number) to 99 Island Visitor Center at 0956-28-7351 NLT on Monday, 8 August.

1) Summer Vacation Craft Class “Let’s Make a Stick of Calk out of Sea Shells”

Sunday, 21 August 1000-1200

Tuition: Y500 (fee for materials and insurance are included)

The max number of students is 20.

2) Team up with Your Parent and Visit Uninhabited Island

Sunday, 28 August 1200-1500

Fee: Y1,000 per pair (an adult and a child)

The max number of pairs is 10. Please sign up NLT Monday, 8 August.

3) Team up with Your Parent and Visit Nagao Peninsula by Kayak

Saturday, 10 September 1100-1600

Fee: Y1,000 per pair (an adult and a child)

The max number of pairs is 8.

Getting together at the Visitor Center and take a tandem kayak to Nagao Peninsula.

Please sign up NLT Monday, 22 August.

4) Team up with Your Friend and Walk to Nagao Peninsula

Sunday, 16 October 1000-1200

Fee: Y100 per person

The max number of attendees is 20 (10 pairs)

Getting together at the Visitor Center and walk to Nagao Peninsula. Please sign up NLT Monday, 3 October.

Saikai National Park Kujukushima Zoological and Botanical Garden Events

The admission is Y400 (adult) and Y100 (child). The phone number there is 0956-28-0011. Tuition for the following classes is free unless it is specifically noted. You only pay the zoo admission fee.

The whole zoo becomes non-smoking area. Please be careful.

Supper Special Program “Crawfish Fishing”

Saturday, 13 and Sunday, 14 August 1030-1500

Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 August 1030-1500

Saturday, 27 and Sunday, 28 August 1030-1500

Fee: Y200 (bait and rental fishing rod and line) for one hour

If you catch 5 crawfish within an hour, you will receive a certificate of Crawfish Fishing King or Queen. Japanese don't eat crawfish. It's a catch and release fishing. **Please do not think of eating them.**

O-bon Extended Hours of Operation

Saturday, 13 to Monday, 15 August 1000-2100

Saturday, 20 August 1000-2100

Saturday, 27 August 1000-2100

Free guided tours are held. The animals are lit up at night. If you visit the zoo at 1800 and later, a paper fan and a bag of natural fertilizer is distributed for free to the first 50 customers.

Biotope Observation Meet

Sunday, 14 August 1500-1530

Zoo Biotope

What's Biotope? Biotope is an area of uniform environmental conditions providing a living place for a specific assemblage of plants and animals. The attendees will learn about the endangered species.

Sketch Competition

Until Wednesday, 31 August

This competition is held for elementary school and middle school students. Sketch animals and flowers and turn in to the zoo office. The award-winning artworks will be displayed and awardees will receive grate prizes. What are they? You'll see what they are when you win. Tee hee hee!

Insectivorous Plants Exhibition

Until Wednesday, 31 August

Feeding time:

Sunday, 14 August 1100, 1400

Sunday, 21 August 1100, 1400

Sunday, 28 August 1100, 1400

Spot Guide:

Sunday, 14 August 1130, 1430

Sunday, 21 August
Sunday, 28 August

1130, 1430
1130, 1430

Animals and Plants Photo Contest

Until Friday, 30 September

Take photos of animals and plants in Ishidake Zoo. You may win great prizes! Please turn in the photos to the zoo office. There are application forms at the entrance of the zoo.

Renewal Open “Petting Zoo”

It’s open!

You can pet bunnies and guinea pigs, feed goats and sheep, and ride on ponies.

Flowers and Plants Information Center

Fridays to Mondays and Japanese holidays 1030-1500

The SAZANBOSU volunteers answer your questions for free.

Zoo Annual Pass

Ishidake Zoo is issuing their annual passes, “Zoo to Pasupo.” The annual pass for adults costs Y1,000 and for elementary and middle school student it costs Y250. Please bring a photo (2cm X2.5cm) for your annual pass.

Zoo Volunteer “SaZanBoSu” Wanted

What is “SaZanBoSu?” It’s Sasebo Zoological and Botanical Garden Supporters (Volunteers). They are instructors from the zoological and botanical classes and guides of special exhibitions. They are also musicians who play music for zoo visitors and train visitors to play music at the zoo. You don’t have to have special knowledge or a degree to do that. You’ll be trained by the zoo staff.

Sazanbosu Activities!

The tent next to the zoo entrance, every Sunday

Herb Tea Tasting and Sale

A variety of herb teas are lined up!

Zoo Animal Quiz Rally

Costs Y100 but you can win zoo animal post cards!

Original Cookies for Sale

Home made vanilla, almond, marble, raisin, and sesame cookies are for sale in reasonable price.

Zoo Animal Caps for Sale

The cap costs Y1,000 but worth more than that.

The Original Post Cards are for Sale

Now the Ishidake Zoological and Botanical Garden Post Cards have amazing photos of zoo animals and plants for sale. A set of 6 post cards costs Y500.

Note: The nursing room is available in the zoo. The facility is for parents with babies. The facility has a nursing room to change diapers and feed babies. Please refrain from bringing your pets to the zoo.

Mt. Eboshi Sports Village Information

“Dog Run” Park has been Completed!

It' opens now at Mt. Eboshi Sports Village

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Japanese Holidays.

Admission: Y300 per dog, Annual membership: Y3,000 per dog

Do you know what we mean when we say "Dog Run"? Now, I know it's been very difficult for you to find parks to walk or run your pet dogs freely in Sasebo. This facility is only for dogs but they must be pre-registered at the park office. The registration fee is Y500. The owner of dogs should be at least 18 years. Your dog's shot records and owner's ID card is required when you register your dog(s). Please call Sasebo City Hall Park Maintenance Office at 0956-24-1111 for more information.

Youth Science Museum

Wednesday to Sunday and Monday 0900-1700

Closed on Tuesday and Japanese holidays. Phone number: 0956-23-1517

Sasebo Planetarium was closed and newly the Youth Science Museum opened in Hotate-cho. Visit there once. It's a new facility with decent and free parking lot.

Planetarium

Max number of attendees is 68. The duration of the show is 45 minutes.

Admission: Y300 (adult), Y150 (middle school student and under)

Show "Planets and Stars in Summer"

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1500, 1600

Saturday 1300, 1500, 1600

Sunday 1000, 1100, 1300, 1500, 1600

Japanese Summer Vacation Schedule (until Wednesday, 31 August):

Educational Film of the Sun and Planets (45 minutes)

Wednesday, 10 to Saturday, 13 August 1000, 1100

Monday, 15, Wednesday, 17 to Saturday, 20 August 1000, 1100

Monday, 22, Wednesday, 24 to Saturday, 27 August 1000, 1100

Monday, 29 and Wednesday, 31 August 1000, 1100

Note: Admission is free for citizens of Sasebo

Pokemon (45 minutes)

Wednesday, 10 to Saturday, 13 August 1300

Sunday, 14 August 1000, 1300

Monday, 15, Wednesday, 17 to Saturday, 20 August 1300

Sunday, 21 August 1000, 1300

Monday, 22, Wednesday, 24 to Saturday, 27 August 1300

Sunday, 28 August 1000, 1300

Monday, 29 and Wednesday, 31 August 1300

Ginga-tetsudo no Yoru (The Night of Galactic Train, 45 minutes)

Wednesday, 10 to Saturday, 13 August 1500

Sunday, 14 August 1100, 1500

Monday, 15, Wednesday, 17 to Saturday, 20 August 1500

Sunday, 21 August	1100, 1500
Monday, 22, Wednesday, 24 to Saturday, 27 August	1500
Sunday, 28 August	1100, 1500
Monday, 29 and Wednesday, 31 August	1500

Constellations in Summer (45 minutes)

Wednesday, 10 to Saturday, 13 August	1600
Sunday, 14 August	1600
Monday, 15, Wednesday, 17 to Saturday, 20 August	1600
Sunday, 21 August	1600
Monday, 22, Wednesday, 24 to Saturday, 27 August	1600
Sunday, 28 August	1600
Monday, 29 and Wednesday, 31 August	1600

Summer Celestial Bodies Observation Meets

Let's Observe Moon, Saturn and Summer Constellations

Saturday, 20 August	1900-2100
Saturday, 27 August	1900-2100
Saturday, 10 September	1900-2100

Fee: Free, Max number of attendees is 50 per observation meet. Please call the museum at 0956-23-1517 to sign up. The observation meet will be postponed if it rains.

Connoisseurs Answer your Questions

Sunday, 21 August	0900-1200
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Japanese students have home works in summer vacation. They have to study on topics in nature (insects, plants and shells) and report it when the new school semester starts. It's kind of "show and tell." This is an advisory support to whom could not figure out what they have collected.

Summer Vacation Youth Science Classes

There are different types of classes including scientific experiments, programs on robots and craft projects. Please contact the center at 0956-23-1517 about the classes in details.

Science Class Youth Aids Wanted

Youth Science Museum is looking for youth aids who help class preparation and help staff study science and nature. They are museum aids but they're more like apprentices to scientists. It's going to be great training for kids who dream of becoming scientists in the future. Schools in Sasebo city have detailed information. Please ask your teacher. Please apply it NLT Sunday, 24 April. Call the museum at 0956-23-1517 for more information.

Sasebo Local Library Events

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday	1000-1800
Thursday and Friday	1000-2000

Closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. Contact the library at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

Library Backyard Tour

Saturday, 20 August

1530-1630

Fee: free

The max number of attendees is 20. The attendees should be in 4th grade to 6th grade. Please call the library at 0956-22-5618 to sign up. The library takes the sign ups commencing on Thursday, 11 August.

Story Telling “Treasure Box of Stories”

Sunday, 21 August

1100-1130

Old Magazines to be Handed out for Free

Saturday, 3 to Thursday, 8 September

1000-1800

Friday, 9 September

1000-2000

Saturday, 10 to Thursday, 15 September

1000-1800

Friday, 16 September

1000-2000

You can get up to 10 copies. Please bring a bag for that.

CD Check Outs

Commencing February this year, you can borrow 6 CDs instead of 3 CDs.

The local library opens until **2000** on Thursdays and Fridays until December. I like it.

Huis Ten Bosch Events

Below is the admission chart and fee for the New Huis Ten Bosch. I have just learned you can bring your pet with you now. It started last week. Of course it's not free. You pay Y500 per pet.

Regular Ticket

Period	Adult	7 th - 12 th grade	4 years old – 6 th grade
Monday – Friday Regular Season	Y2,500	Y1,800	Y800
Saturday, Sunday Japanese Holiday Busy season	Y3,000	Y2,000	Y1,000

Busy Season: July 16 – August 31, December 17 – January 5, March 1 – March 31

Moonlight Ticket

Period	Adult	7 th – 12 th grade	4 years old – 6 th grade
Monday - Friday Regular season	Y2,000	Y1,300	Y500
Saturday, Sunday Japanese Holiday Busy season	Y2,500	Y1,800	Y800

Busy Season: July 16 – August 31, December 17 – January 5, March 1 – March 31

Summer Vacation Special Discount Tickets until August 31st.

1500- Y2,500 (adult), Y1,800 (7th-12th grade), Y800 (4 years old – 6th grade)

1700- Y1,500 (adult), Y1,000 (7th-12th grade), Y500 (4 years old – 6th grade)

Note: the ticket is a free pass ticket to the Huis Ten Bosch facilities and doesn't include the admission fee.

One Piece Groove Mugiwara (Straw Hat) Band Special Live Show

Until Monday, 15 August

Huis Ten Bosch

Japanese Anime (Cartoon Show) came into realistic. The members of Pirate Team "Mugiwara (Straw Hat)" sing the show's theme songs. Please contact the Huis Ten Bosch Information Office at 0570-064-110 for more information.

Grand Diva Ballet Theater

Until Sunday, 28 August

Admission: Y1,800

"Grand Diva Ballet" members are all male. They dress up in female costumes and dance. They are good but funny at the same time. It's a kind of comedy ballet. Please contact the information center at 0570-064-110. You have to pay the admission of Huis Ten Bosch to see the performance as well as the ticket to watch the plays.

The Japan First English-speaking Hotel Open

Watermark Hotel Nagasaki, Huis Ten Bosch

The manager is Australian. All the clerks speak in English. This is very new in Japan. You would like to stay in this hotel? Please contact the hotel at 0956-27-0785 to make a reservation.

English Square Renewal Open

English Square

Japanese people who would like to learn conversational English visit this English Square. If you would like to involve this project, please contact the office at 0956-27-0785.

Thriller Fantasy Museum Illumination Show

Everyday

1930, 2000, 2030, 2100, 2130

The show of lights and music lasts for 11 minutes. It's held every 30 minutes after dark.

Collaboration of Huis Ten Bosch and Yamamoto Kansai

Until Sunday, 2 October

Who is Yamamoto Kansai? He is a very popular fashion designer. I would say he is very unique. How unique? Please visit HTB to see the exhibition. Yamamoto Kansai designed the costumes of Kansai Super Show "Seven Samurai." The costumes are exhibited in Diamant (Diamond) Museum at HTB.

Admission: Y500

Huis Ten Bosch Wander Vehicle “Duck Tour”

Everyday, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600

Fee: Y2,500 (adult), Y1,800 (4 to elementary school student), Y500 (3 years old and under)

Have you seen the amphibious bus at the Huis Ten Bosch yet? When I saw it, it was crossing the street. Yes, it looks like a boat but yet can drive on the road! The bus drives on the road for 25 minutes and ducks in the water for 20 minutes. You don't have to sign up, come to the Huis Ten Bosch Entrance 15 minutes prior to the tour that you wish to take. I'm thinking to take my brother and his family to ride on this bus. Please call HTB Tourism Office at 0956-27-0290 for more information.

Open Season “Sea Ten Bosch” Fishing Pond

It's open until it's noticed.

If you want to feel scared in Japanese style, please visit Obake-yashiki (Haunted House).

Nihon no Kaidan Yashiki (Japanese Haunted House)

Admission: Y300

Thriller Fantasy Museum

It's an on-going business and it stays what it is until noticed. Good.

5D Miracle Tour

5D doesn't mean 5 dimensional. 5D stands for Dramatic, Dream, Delightful, Different and to Discover. Whatever. That's Japanese English and you are not expected to understand. The screens are all over and you feel like you are floating in the air. The duration of the show is only 8 minutes. They only take 32 Max people for a tour. Fee is Y500 (4 years old and over). If you have a membership of Huis Ten Bosch, the fee is Y400. The location of the show is in the district of Thriller Fantasy Museum, where you find the Japanese Haunted House.

African Dance Show

Until Wednesday, 31 August

Alexander Square

African dancers from Uganda perform their cultural dances.

“Suisai” Theater Musical “Splash Dream”

On going

Since it doesn't say anything about the fee, it's included to the admission fee. The show is on going until noticed.

Special Events

Events featuring one of the popular animated films in Japan, “One Peace” are held at Huis Ten Bosch.

The Memory of the “Going Merry” Quiz Digest Rally

Fee: Y500

There are 6 stations you have to clear (getting points). In completion, you can get a little moment as a keepsake.

Let's ride on the "Going Merry"

Fee: Y500

Riding on the mini size "Going Merry" pirate boat makes you feel like you are in the "One Piece" world.

Mini Merry Boat Ride

Until **Monday, 15 August**

0930-1900

Fee: Y500 (4 years old and older)

Children should be accompanied by an adult. The boat ride is held at the free zone.

Take a Picture of the Thousand Sunny with You

Fee: Picture pin (Y600), Picture in the paper frame (Y500)

They take your photo when you are in the boat and make a picture pin or picture in the paper frame. Please tell them which you would like to have.

Shabondi House (Restaurant) Opens!

The "One Piece" featured goods that you can only get at Huis Ten Bosch and dishes featured "One Piece" that you can only eat at Huis Ten Bosch are served.

The Thousand Sunny Cruise

Write your message to Ruffy and his crew in the flag.

Tickets: Y1,000 (adult, non-member), Y800 (adult, HTB member), Y600 (4 to elementary school student), Y500 (child, HTB member)

HTB Activity Center Craft Classes

For more information about the following classes, please contact HTB activity center at 0956-27-0131.

I asked Huis Ten Bosch about the "Free Zone." Now **ITT Office at the Fleet Landing has the information.** Please visit there to get it. If you would like to contact HTB directly the number is: 0956-27-0001.

Music Box Making Class

On going

1030-1730 (Please check in by 1630)

Fee: Y1,365

Wax Perfume Making Class

On going

1030-1730 (Please check in by 1630)

HTB Activity Center

Fee: Y1,200

Magic Show

On going

Admission: ¥1,500 (including a drink and snacks)

Sea Ten Bosch, Fishing at Huis Ten Bosch

The fee includes a rental fishing rod and bait.

Zipangu Detective Club (Treasure Hunting)

You are going to read the mysterious map in Japanese and find the treasure somewhere in Huis Ten Bosch. Sure it's difficult.

- Basic Course (Y200)
- Beginner's Course (Y300)
- Intermediate Course (Y500)
- Advanced Course (Y500)
- Super Advanced Course (Y1,000) commencing in July

ESL and Japanese Phrase Class

Community & Education Center Classroom “B”

Japanese phrase Class (12 classes)

Tuition: Free

Lesson 7	“Food in Japan”	Tuesday, 16 August 1130-1230
Lesson 8	“Directions”	Tuesday, 23 August 1130-1230
Lesson 9	“When and What Time”	Tuesday, 30 August 1130-1230
Lesson 10	“How to Use Local Transportation”	Tuesday, 6 September 1130-1230
Lesson 11	“I Don’t Feel Well”	Tuesday, 13 September 1130-1230
Lesson 12	“Phrases for Special Occasions”	Tuesday, 20 September 1130-1230

Katakana Class

Let's read menus in Japanese. Let's write your name in Japanese. "Katakana" letters are a set of phonetic alphabet which is used for foreign words that we can't translate into Japanese.

“A Little Birdie Told Me” Lunch/Dinner Walking Tours

Dinner Hunting

Friday, 19 August 1800-2000

Lunch Hunting

Friday, 2 September 1130-1330

Meeting at Albuquerque Bridge (Nimitz park side)

Lunch / Dinner hunters tweet the password “cheap, cheap” to find other hunters. We visit one of the restaurants that you’ve never visited. We visit one of the local restaurants in Sasebo that provide great food at reasonable prices. Call Eriko at 252-3102 for more information. Please bring ¥1,500 or more.

Art Exhibition

Let’s Play with Art Exhibition

Until Sunday, 14 August 1000-1900

Arkas Sasebo Koryu (Cultural Exchange) Square

The theme of the exhibition is “Something Nice.” The art class was held at Arkas Sasebo last weekend. The artworks they created are exhibited. They are just ordinary people instead of art majored students. Seeing their works intrigue you to feel “I can do it, too.”

Suzujiku (Cool) Smile Art Exhibition

Until Tuesday, 16 August 1000-1900

Sasebo Tamaya Department 8th floor

A local illustrator, Kimura Juro and his students’ art exhibition is held now. All the motifs are smiling faces. Some are humans and some are animals. I’m pretty sure those smiling faces make you happy.

Akari-no-sekai (Lit-up Object) Exhibition

Until Sunday, 21 August 1000-1900

Kukken Hiroba Café in the arcade (former Shinwa Bank Kyomachi Branch)

The biscuit, unglazed clay dolls in clothes in 50s to 60s are lit up in dim and warm lights.

The art exhibition brings you back to the good old days in Japan. Even you are young and never lived in that time, you feel the nostalgia. **Akarenga (Red Brick Buildings)**

Photo Exhibition is also held at the same time. I hope they have a photo of Bldg. 310 where FFSC is located. It’s painted in white but still one of them. It’s free and the location of the café is very accessible, stop by there.

Shimanose Art Center Exhibition

The following art exhibitions are held at Shimanose Art Center. Unless it’s mentioned, the admission is free. Please contact Shimanose Art Center at 0956-22-7213 for more information regarding the following events.

Shimanose Art Center 1000-1800 (closed on Tuesdays)

Art and Literature Exhibition

Until Sunday, 4 September

Shimanose Art Center

Admission: Y500 (adult), Y300 (high school and university student), Free (middle school student and under)

It's an ultimate collaboration of art and literature! I just can't imagine what it's like. Go and see it by your eyes.

Concert

Arkas Sasebo Concert

The following concerts are held at Arkas Sasebo Convention Center. Please call Alkas Sasebo regarding the concerts at 0956-42-1111.

Anne Sally Live Show

Saturday, 20 August

1900

Event Hall

Admission: Y3,500 (comes with a glass of drink)

She is a doctor, a mother and a singer. Mrs. Anne Sally has come back for two years and a half. The popular mom singer gives a live show in Sasebo!

Hirose Etsuko Piano Recital

Sunday, 21 August

1500

Medium Hall

Admission: Y1,000 (adult), Y500 (student)

Hirose Etsuko has received a lot of awards and won prizes in various piano concerts in the world. It seems she is a young but great pianist. She will play Franz Liszt's pieces and Franz Schubert's "Ave Maria" and more.

Musical "Carmen"

Saturday, 17 September

1800

Big Hall

Admission: Y10,000 (SS seat), Y8,000 (S seat), Y6,000 (A seat), Y4,000 (B seat)

Student rate: 50% off from each seat

Even in Sasebo, you can enjoy a musical! Go get a good seat and tell me how great it was. Me? No, I'll pass it. It's too expensive to me.

Kariyushi 58 Hisai Road 2011 Concert

Monday, 19 September (Japanese Holiday)

1700

Big Hall

Admission: Y4,200

"Kariyushi" means "Celebration" in Okinawan dialect. The members of the group are from Orinawa as you can guess very easily. To commemorate the 5th anniversary of the group, they are taking a tour to have concerts in Japan. They come back to Sasebo in September!

Sasebo Jazz 2011

Friday, 23 September (Japanese Holiday) to Monday, 10 October

The main site is Arkas Sasebo. I'll inform you when I get the detailed information.

Sunset Jazz Festival Vol. 21

Sunday, 9 October

Arkas Sasebo

Advance tickets: Y4,000 (adult, reserved seat), Y3,500 (adult, free seating), Y1,500 (student, reserved seat), Y1,000 (student, free seating)

Note: The general admission to each category is Y500 more on the day. Please get advance tickets.

Singers: J&K + Noro Kazuo, NORA, Haji Hideshi, ASA, Marine, etc.

Medium Hall Selection

Combination tickets for 3 concerts: Y11,000

There are 3 concerts are scheduled and cost Y4,500, Y4,000 and Y4,000. It's Y12,500 in total. Get 3 tickets together and save Y1,500! Please get the combination tickets NLT Saturday, 15 October.

Selection I: Cobra Live Show

Sunday, 16 October

1830

Admission: Y4,500

A popular accordionist, Cobra shows his exciting performances in Sasebo.

Selection II: Muraji Kaori and R. J. O'Neal Duo Recital

Sunday, 13 November

1830

Admission: Y4,000

Selection III: New Year Concert 2012 Nakashima Shoko Soprano Recital

Saturday, 14 January 2012

1830

Admission: Y4,000

Café Easel Concert

Unless it's mentioned, the admission is free. For more information, please contact the café at 090-8220-0363.

Adventure Rive Band Concert

Friday, 12 August

2000

Mr. Ayabe (Saxophone) comes home and performs for people in Sasebo.

Hamazaki Ko (Sax Player) Trio Live Show

Friday, 19 August

2000

Admission: Y3,000

Hamazaki Ko is a certified diver, a medical doctor, and a prominent sax player. He is a promising saxophonist in Japan.

Mera Ryoichi "Songs of Hear" Concert

Sunday, 21 August

1330

Saza-cho Culture Center on Route 204

Admission: Y2,500

Mera Ryoichi became famous when he sang the theme song of Japanese film “Princess Mononoke” about 11 years ago. Unlike other male singers, he can sing in high tone. Saza-cho Youth Chorus Group also sings songs. Please contact Saza-cho Culture Association Office at 0956-63-5321 for more information.